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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed October 15, 2008 in the above-identified United States Patent Application. Filed herewith is a request for a three-month extension of time in which to file this response. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Also filed herewith is a Request for Continued Examination.

Reconsideration and allowance of the claims in light of the Remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.